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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over a new reference, namely U.S. patent number 6,044,057 to Park.

For purposes of making this record clear, the applicant believes that the subject matter *claimed* in the '057 Park reference is distinctly different from the subject matter disclosed in the above-identified application.

As for the rejection of the pending claims, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the height adjustment cam includes first and second flange portions that partly encompass the height adjustment portion in a circumferential direction of the height adjustment portion. Support for the new limitation to claim 1 can be found in the figures, which show the flange portions 65a and 65b partially enclosing or encompassing the height adjustment portion 64, outwardly in a circumferential direction. (See FIG. 2 for example.)

Referring now to FIG. 10 of the '057 Park reference, the upper and lower cam members 362 and 365 completely encompass the axis of the complex adjusting device 360 in a circumferential direction. During assembly of the structure, the first shaft 501 or a second shaft 502 have to be engaged to the cam members 362 and 365 by positioning the first shaft 501 in a horizontal manner and carefully inserting the first shaft 501 between the narrow space between the upper and lower cam members 362 and 365.

Amended claim 1 of the instant application recites that the flange portions, which correspond to elements 65a and 65b of the structure shown in the figures, partly encompass the height adjustment portion 64. Accordingly, the guide rod 41 can be easily set in the groove portion 65c that exists between the flange portions 65a and 65b. That is, the guide rod does not have to be carefully inserted from a horizontal direction but may also be inserted from a vertical direction owing to the fact that the flange portions encompass only a part of the height adjustment portion 64.

As described in the specification, the height adjustment cam 65 including

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the flange portions 65a and 65b will not obstruct, during the procedure of fitting the guiding rod 41. (See line 17 of page 9 to line 4 of page 10.) Claim 1 as amended therefore avoids the Park reference and is in condition for allowance.

Since claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance,
reconsideration of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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